



# Village of Hecker Newsletter

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## ***FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR CHARLES W. KUJAWSKI***



*Mayor Kujawski with Kylie &  
Ashlyn December 11, 2012*

With my term just a few days from ending I wanted to thank you all for your 20 years of support to me as an elected village official. In order to help out the community, I ran for trustee in 2005 and was elected. After a 4-year term of being a trustee, I found myself with the possibility of an appointment for acting mayor. I asked my fiancé Jennifer who was a mere 3 weeks from becoming my wife what she thought, and she said "go for it" and the rest is history. I cannot continue without first saying a huge thank you to my family for being so supportive. My wife Jennifer and my daughters Ashlyn, Kylie & Cadence have been with me the whole way through my presidency. They had to deal with me not being there for certain family, school or other events while I had to go to a meeting or deal with some other operational village issue. The closing of the library was one of the first downfalls that I had to mitigate, the library board recommended to us that it was needed due to lack of use. With the vacancy of the library, we were able to expand into their space, allowing us to more effectively conduct a meeting. In the old

room a citizen would be talking and half the board would have their back to them. The board and I also have been able to continue some projects that previous administrations had started such as the village park and also bringing the village into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the creation of the village website, online utility billing portal and getting the village code online. Returning the village Halloween party and Santa Claus on a fire truck were some other accomplishments that I am very proud to be a part of. Being the mayor of a small town is in many cases is more involved than a mayor of a bigger city. A small-town mayor also acts as a village administrator, city engineer and anything else that presents a need. I'm on my 4<sup>th</sup> Zoning Administrator right now and during vacancies I had to do that job also. That being said because of these extra hats that I wore Hecker was able to get 2 new businesses, Back Street Wine & Dine and Dollar General. These projects took many, many hours and I am proud to have been able to help to bring them to Hecker. We were able to execute 3 annexations to the village and many water, sewer, storm sewer and street improvement projects. I want to wish the best of luck to your new mayor Aaron Eckart. I have high hopes that he will continue the village moving down a fiscally responsible path with aggressive improvements when it makes sense. I am very thankful and humbled having served you as your village president.

Mayor Charles W. Kujawski



*Mayor Kujawski with Kylie, Cadence,  
Jennifer & Ashlyn Kujawski*



## Community Events

**Saturdays, Thru October 25, 2025 7:30AM-12PM**  
**EVERY SATURDAY:** Monroe County Farmer's Market  
901 Illinois Ave. Waterloo

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
**11AM-?:** Hecker Volunteer Fire Department BBQ at HCC Park

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
**12PM:** Hecker Community Center Annual Tractor Show

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025 1PM**  
**5PM:** Hecker Community Blood Drive at HCC



**Thursday, May 22, 2025**  
**1PM-5PM:** Monroe County EMS Open House, 901 Illinois Ave, Waterloo

**Friday, June 6th 7AM-6PM & Saturday, June 7th 7AM-11AM:** Hecker Village Wide Yard Sale. Sign Up sheet enclosed.



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## HECKER FIRE DEPARTMENT

invites everyone to the annual BBQ!

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
starting at 11am - ?  
~Pork steaks ~chicken  
~brats ~sides  
Plenty of cold beverages

ARCH  
Helicopter  
for viewing  
(weather permitting)

Tractor Show  
Pedal Pull  
for kids at 12:30pm

HECKER  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
(HCC) Pavilion



All gave some...  
Some gave all

Remember them this  
Memorial Day

**Hecker Residents:**  
**Large Item and Lawn**  
**Waste Pickup 2025 Dates**

Large Item Days:  
June 19, 2025, &  
September 25, 2025

Lawn Waste Days:  
July 10, 2025, &  
November 13, 2025



**Tornado Siren is tested**  
**on the first Tuesday of**  
**every month at 10AM**

Utility Contact Information

Water-Sewer-Trash/Recycling

Billing:

618-473-2300 Ext.11

Service Problems:

618-473-2300 Option 2



**Know what's below.**  
**Call before you dig.**

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